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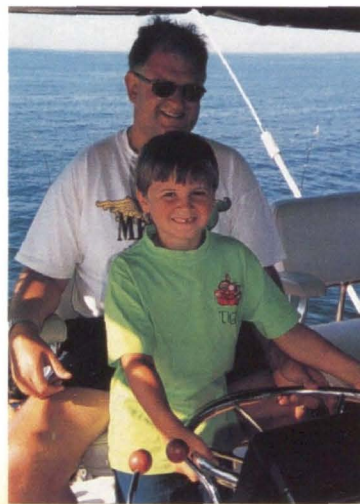
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Indiana Dunes

The Indiana Dunes are Porter County's paradise.

Home to both a state park and national park, the dunes offer travelers a respite from their daily grind. Relax amidst the peaceful tranquility of miles of beach, sand dunes, woodland forests and bogs. You'll leave feeling refreshed and renewed by the beautiful landscape that is Porter County.

Indiana Dunes State Park

Home to the Midwest's most diversified flora and fauna, the state park offers swimming in Lake Michigan, trail hiking, camping, youth tent camping, campground grocery, picnic areas, concessions, cross-country skiing and sledding. Alcohol is not allowed in the park, and there is a carry-in/carry-out trash policy. 1600 North County Road 25 East (on Indiana 49, north of Interstate 94). 219/926-1952. www.dnr.state.in.us/statepar/parks/indunes/indunes.htm

The Nature Center: offers year-round activities for all ages and includes animal and bird watching stations and dunes-related exhibits. Slide presentations are offered in the auditorium. Interpretive services include hikes, activities and patch programs. 219/926-1390.

The campground: has 288 campsites. It is equipped with electricity and a dumping station. The concession and campground grocery is open during the summer. Picnic areas include tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment and shelters. The campground is open all year. 219/926-4520.

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

Part of the National Park Service, the National Lakeshore offers slide programs, a bookstore, activity information, hiking trails and displays at the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center. On Kemil Road at U.S. Highway 12, near Beverly Shores. 219/926-7561, ext. 225.

Bailly Homestead: was built by French-Canadian voyageur and fur trader Joseph Bailly, who settled here in the early 1820s. The two-and-a-half-story home is made of cut lumber fastened with wooden pegs. The home reflects a long history of use beginning when the Bailyys owned it and extends into the 1960s when it was used as a boarding house and restaurant. The surrounding old style cabins have been used as fur cabins, offices and housing. On Mineral Springs Road, between U.S. Highways 12 and 20 in Porter. 219/926-7561, ext. 225.

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Getting away from it all: the Indiana Dunes offer plenty of room to stretch out along 25 miles of coastal beaches.



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Dunewood Campground: is a handicap-accessible facility with 79 drive-in and walk-in sites. There are no utilities. Restrooms and showers are available. The season is April 1-October 31. Reservations are not accepted. 219/926-7561, ext. 663.

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Cycle from Lake Michigan to the Kankakee River on the Porter County Bikeway.

The Porter County Golfing Guide can help you find the course of your dreams.

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Surf's Up! The kids will have a splashin' good time at the Indiana Dunes.

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Fishing Guide: for a FREE Porter County Fishing Guide on lake, stream and charter boat fishing call the Porter County Visitor Center at 800/283-8687 or 219/926-2255. www.casualcoast.com

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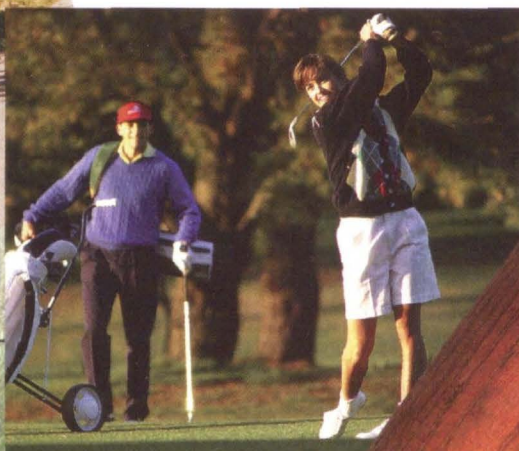
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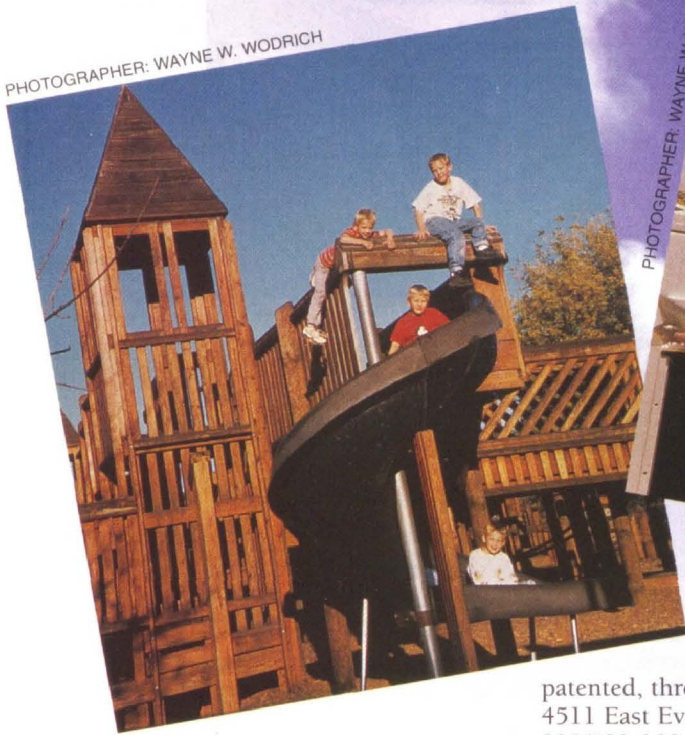
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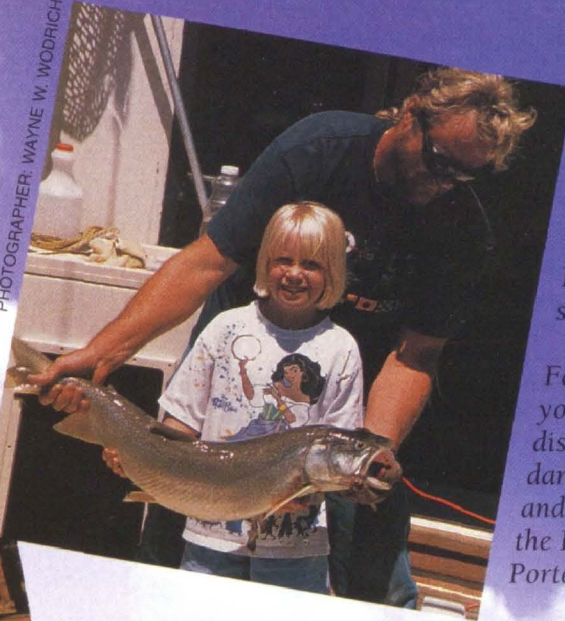


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Hollywood Connection: seven screen theater, roller skating rink, bumper cars, swing ride, ferris wheel, Red Baron plane ride, soft play, Lieutenant's restaurant, arcade with redemption center, Ground Zero laser game and birthday party rooms. 2500 East Northland Drive, off U.S. Highway 30, Valparaiso. 219/531-7740 or 219/462-4407.

Inman's Recreation Center: bowling, pro shop, billiards, arcade, laser tag arena, Empty Pockets Saloon & Eatery, Gelsosomo's Pizza, birthday party room, seasonal miniature golf, dunkshot basketball, beach volleyball, go-karts and bumper boats. 3201 Evans Avenue, Valparaiso. 888/999-3574 or 219/462-1300.

Putter n' Porter: seasonal miniature golf. U.S. Highway 20 & Waverly Road, Porter. 219/926-7717.

R-Way Skate Center: indoor roller skating, in-line skating, skate rental, snack bar, arcade and redemption center. 3600 Scottsdale, off U.S. Highway 6, Portage. 219/759-2556.

Sports Plex: indoor soccer, in-line skating, skate rentals, video games, snack bar, pizzeria and meeting room. 5201 U.S. Highway 6, Portage. 219/764-3000.

Victory Park: seasonal miniature golf, batting cages, go-karts and golf driving range. 64 West 1100 North, Chesterton. 219/926-3569.

Westchester Lanes: bowling, glow-in-the-dark bowling, pro shop and snack shop. 124 North 8th Street, Chesterton. 219/926-2523.

Wright's Hollywood Park: two 18-hole miniature golf courses, batting cages, go-karts, indoor arcade, golf driving range, snack shop and prize redemption center. 1050 Horseprairie Avenue, south of U.S. Highway 30, Valparaiso. 219/462-1194.



Swimming

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore: Lifeguard services are provided at West Beach, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. West Beach is located at the Lake/Porter County Road and is easily accessible from either U.S. Highways 12 or 20. West Beach has a 600-car parking lot, bathhouse and food concession. There is a \$3 vehicle-parking fee. Unless otherwise posted, swimming is permitted at other lakeshore beaches such as Porter, Kemil, Lake View, Central Avenue and Mt. Baldy. Lifeguard services are not generally provided at these beaches and bathers are cautioned to be alert for underwater drop-offs and rip currents. Pets, open fires, and glass bottles are not permitted on most park beaches during the summer months. More detailed information is available from the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center, on Kemil Road at U.S. Highway 12 near Beverly Shores, or at the Ranger Station located on Mineral Springs Road between U.S. Highways 12 and 20. Call 219/926-7561 ext. 225. www.nps.gov/indu

Indiana Dunes State Park: swimming in Lake Michigan. Swimming and bathhouse are open the Saturday before Memorial Day through Labor Day. Swimming is only permitted when a lifeguard is on duty. No alcohol, glass, pets, grilling or flotation devices are allowed on the beach or in the water. Entrance fee charged. On Indiana 49, north of Interstate 94, Chesterton. 219/926-1952. www.dnr.state.in.us/statepar/parks/indunes/indunes.htm

Lake Michigan Safety Information: waters of Lake Michigan can become very treacherous. Signs may be posted at all public beaches when conditions are NOT SAFE for swimming. Please adhere to all posted information.

Lakeland Park: lifeguard-supervised lake swimming from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Haglund Road, Burns Harbor. 219/787-8126.



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Pleasant Township Pool: outdoor pool with swimming lessons available. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day. Sunset Street, Kouts. 219/766-3794.

Rogers-Lakewood Park: lifeguard-supervised lake swimming, beach house, concessions and boat rental. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day. On Meridian Road, south of U.S. Highway 6, Valparaiso. 219/462-5144.

Scuba Diving

Scuba Tank: offers dive charters where certified divers can scuba dive among ship wrecks, plane wrecks and break walls in Lake Michigan; the Discover Scuba Class, which is a basic scuba diving course for visitors at local hotels/motels that have pools; short notice scuba diving classes; and sells, rents and services scuba diving equipment. 55 South Franklin, Valparaiso. 219/477-4454.

Water Park

Splash Down Dunes Water Park: exciting, free-falling, twisting water thrill rides and a giant wave pool for surf and splash. Picnic lunches can be brought to park. 150 East U.S. Highway 20, Porter. 219/929-1181

Trails - Hiking

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore: seven hiking trails with natural and cultural sights. Maps available at the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center, on Kemil Road at U.S. Highway 12 near Beverly Shores. 219/926-7561, ext. 225. www.nps.gov/indu

Indiana Dunes State Park: seven hiking trails totaling 16 miles through habitats of dunes, marsh and forest. Entrance fee charged. On Indiana 49, north of Interstate 94, Chesterton. 219/926-1952. www.dnr.state.in.us/statepar/parks/indunes/indunes.htm

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Where To Play



PARKS	Playground Equipment	Tennis Courts	Basketball Courts	Ball Fields	Picnic Shelters	Swimming	Fishing	Restrooms	Trails	Concessions
State & National										
Indiana Dunes State Park • Indiana 49, Chesterton 219/926-1952	•				•	•		•	•	•
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (Visitor Center) On Kemil Road at U.S. Highway 12, near Beverly Shores 219/926-7561 ext. 225					•	•	•	•	•	•
County										
Sunset Hill Farm County Park Meridian Road at U.S. Highway 6, between Chesterton & Valparaiso 219/465-3586	•				•			•	•	
City & Town										
BURNS HARBOR PARK DEPT. 219/787-8126										
Lakeland Park Haglund Road	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
CHESTERTON PARK DEPT. 219/926-3000										
Chesterton Park 5th Street & Morgan Avenue	•	•	•	•	•			•		
Coffee Creek Park Morgan Avenue	•				•		•		•	
Dogwood Park 23rd Street & 1100 North	•	•	•	•	•			•		
Dunes Friendship Land 5th Street & Morgan	•							•		
Kipper Park Olivia Lane	•		•		•					
Prairie Duneland Trail Indiana 149 to Jackson Boulevard					•			•	•	
Thomas Park (Bandstand) Broadway & Calumet Road					•					
Waskom Park Michael Drive	•	•	•		•					
HEBRON										
Alyea Park, Church & Adams Streets	•	•	•		•					
McMillan Park, Fir Court	•		•		•					
KOUTS										
Drazer Park, Daumer Road	•	•	•		•					
PORTAGE PARK DEPT. • 219/762-1675										
Countryside Park, 5250 U.S. Highway 6	•			•	•		•	•		•
Imagination Glen Park, 2275 McCool Road	•			•	•		•	•	•	•
Iron Horse Heritage Trail, Willowcreek Road to Indiana 149							•		•	
Olson Memorial Park, 6175 Sunrise Avenue	•				•			•	•	•
Perry Park, Tulip Avenue off Oakwood Street	•	•		•	•					
Prairie Duneland Trail, Runs from County Line Road east to Indiana 149					•		•	•	•	•
Wolfe Park, Danube Avenue off Lake Road	•		•	•	•					
Woodland Park, 2100 Willowcreek Road	•	•	•	•	•			•		•
PORTER PARK DEPT. • 219/921-1687										
Hawthorne Park, Franklin Street	•		•	•	•			•		
Indian Springs, Beam Street	•				•		•	•		
Porter Cove, Porter Cove subdivision, Pearson Road	•		•	•	•			•		
VALPARAISO PARK DEPT. • 219/462-5144										
Bicentennial Park, Burlington Beach Road	•	•	•	•	•					
Fairgrounds Park, Calumet & Evans Avenues	•			•	•			•	•	•
Kirchhoff Miller Woods, Roosevelt Road	•	•	•	•	•					
Ogden Gardens/Forest Park, Campbell Street & Harrison Boulevard	•			•	•					
Rogers-Lakewood Park, Meridian Road (Campbell)	•				•	•	•	•	•	•
Tower Park, Evans Avenue	•	•	•	•	•					
Volplayso/Glenrose Park, Glendale Boulevard	•		•	•	•					
West Side Park, Joliet Road	•			•						

Recreation

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Imagination Glen Park: three miles of forested trails along a creek. Portage Avenue and McCool Road, Portage. 219/762-1675. www.ci.portage.in.us

Iron Horse Heritage Trail: non-motorized trail that runs from Willowcreek Road to Indiana 149, Portage. 219/762-1675. www.ci.portage.in.us

Rogers-Lakewood Park: hiking trails wind around lakes in a forested area. On Meridian Road, south of U.S. Highway 6, Valparaiso. 219/462-5144.

Sunset Hill Farm County Park: a dairy farm from the 1930s to the 1970s, it opened as a park in 1993 and offers summer naturalist programs, festivals, picnic areas, open play areas, and children's play equipment. Hikers can view the wildlife along wooded trails. On Meridian Road, south of U.S. Highway 6, between Chesterton and Valparaiso. 219/465-3586. www.porterco.co.porter.in.us

Trails - Multi-Purpose

The Calumet Trail: Indiana's first long-distance trail built exclusively for hiking and off-road bicycling. This scenic trail is 9.2 miles long and passes through the

National Lakeshore. The trail is adjacent to the Indiana Dunes State Park on Indiana 49, north of Interstate 94, Chesterton. 219/926-1952.

Lakewood Link: 2.5 miles of eight-foot-wide concrete/asphalt trail for bicycling, skating, walking and running. This trail runs from Rogers-Lakewood Park to Bullseye Lake Road. On Meridian Road, south of U.S. Highway 6, Valparaiso. 219/462-5144.

Prairie Duneland Trail: this 12-foot-wide paved trail runs from Portage to Chesterton and is used for walking, running, skating and bicycling with views of flora, fauna and woodland creatures. Access lots include parking, shelters, picnic tables, water fountains and trash containers. The trail runs from County Line Road in Portage to Jackson Boulevard in Chesterton. 219/762-1675 or www.ci.portage.in.us for Portage information and 219/926-3000 for Chesterton information.

YMCA's

YMCAs are located in Chesterton, Portage and Valparaiso. Guests are welcome to use fitness facilities, basketball, racquetball, swimming, weight lifting and more. Call for facility schedules and locations. Duneland YMCA in Chesterton, 219/926-4204; Portage YMCA, 219/762-9622 www.ymcaofportage.com and Valparaiso YMCA, 219/462-4185 www.valpoyymca.org.



Coffee Creek Life Center

The Coffee Creek Life Center is a facility that provides care and rehabilitation to injured and orphaned native wildlife. The facility is located within an extensive natural preserve that will accommodate some animal releases back into the wild. Plans call for a Spring, 1999 commencement of animal rehabilitation activities. Future phases will include the creation of education and visitor centers within the facility to welcome visitors, school and tourist groups.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Dining	<input type="checkbox"/> Festivals	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Golfing	<input type="checkbox"/> Shopping	
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Attractions/Museums		
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Activities (skiing, sledding, ice skating)		
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Cross-Country Skiing

Anderson's Orchard & Winery: cross-country skiing and hiking trails throughout the orchard. 430 East U.S. Highway 6, Valparaiso. 219/464-4936.

Forest Park: four miles of marked trails, ranging from beginner to intermediate, along the golf course perimeter. Warming shelter and ski rental available on weekends. 1155 Sheffield Drive, Valparaiso. 219/462-5144.

Imagination Glen Park: three miles of marked trails ranging from beginner to advanced. No rental or on-site supervision. 2275 McCool Road, Portage. 219/762-1675. www.ci.portage.in.us

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore: offers a variety of marked trails. Maps available at the visitor center on Kemil Road at U.S. Highway 12 near Beverly Shores. 219/926-7561, ext. 225. www.nps.gov/indu

Indiana Dunes State Park: offers moderate to rugged skiing on three designated cross-country trails. Entrance fee charged. On Indiana 49, north of Interstate 94, Chesterton. 219/926-1952. www.dnr.state.in.us/statepar/parks/indunes/indunes.htm

Rogers-Lakewood Park: 3.7 miles of marked trails through wooded and hilly terrain rated intermediate in difficulty. No ski rental available. On Meridian Road, south of U.S. Highway 6, Valparaiso. 219/462-5144.



Take it one step at a time as you cross-country ski in a winter wonderland.

Lake & Land Outfitters: Offers rental of cross-country skis. 64 Lincolnway, Valparaiso. 219/464-9006.

Sunset Hill Farm County Park: one continuous marked trail, ranging from easy to moderately difficult, that winds through the park. On Meridian Road, south of U.S. Highway 6, halfway between Chesterton and Valparaiso. 219/465-3586. www.porterco.co.porter.in.us

Future Olympic hopefuls can make a great start in Porter County.

Down Hill Skiing

Pines Peak Family Ski Area: nine runs ranging from easy to difficult. Longest run is 1,200 feet. Rental equipment and lessons available. On Meridian Road, south of U.S. Highway 6, Valparaiso. 219/477-5993. www.valpomall.com/pinesski

Ice Skating

Chesterton Park: man-made ice skating rink. Morgan Avenue and 5th Street, Chesterton. 219/926-3000.

Dogwood Park: man-made ice hockey rink. County Road 1100 North and 21st Street, Chesterton. 219/926-3000.

Tower Park: supervised, lighted, open skating and hockey. Warming shelter and ice skate rental. Franklin Street and Evans Avenue, Valparaiso. 219/462-5144.

Tubing & Sledding

Countryside Park: tubing hills with tubes and saucers furnished. Warming house on site and concessions available. 5250 U.S. Highway 6, Portage. 219/762-8349 or 219/762-1675. www.ci.portage.in.us

Forest Park: supervised, lighted, tubing and sledding hills. Warming shelters available. 1158 Harrison Boulevard, Valparaiso. 219/462-5144.



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Indiana Dunes State Park: sledding on Devil's Slide, a large dune blowout adjacent to the Beach Pavilion. Must supply own sled. On Indiana 49, north of Interstate 94, Chesterton. 219/926-1952. www.dnr.state.in.us/statepar/parks/indunes/indunes.htm

Rogers-Lakewood Park: three chutes for sledding and tubing and one toboggan chute. Inner tubes available at no cost while they last. Admission fee. Concessions available. On Meridian Road, south of U.S. Highway 6, Valparaiso. 219/462-5144.

Tubing and sledding are popular with kids of all ages.



Why not fall into Porter County? It's one of the best times of year to visit. When the leaves start turning, turn your attention to the beautiful crimson and gold foliage that has transformed the area into a rich pageant of color drenching the countryside with breathtaking beauty. Immerse yourself in nature — hike our wooded trails in duneland forests and see fall as you've never seen it before.

When do the leaves turn in Porter County?

The peak color schedule for Porter County trees is the second and third week of October. This is just a guideline; weather controls the exact dates.



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What trees are seen in Porter County?

									
Tulip Tree	Maple	Cherry	Cottonwood	Hickory	Sassafras	Elm	Oak	Beech	Ash

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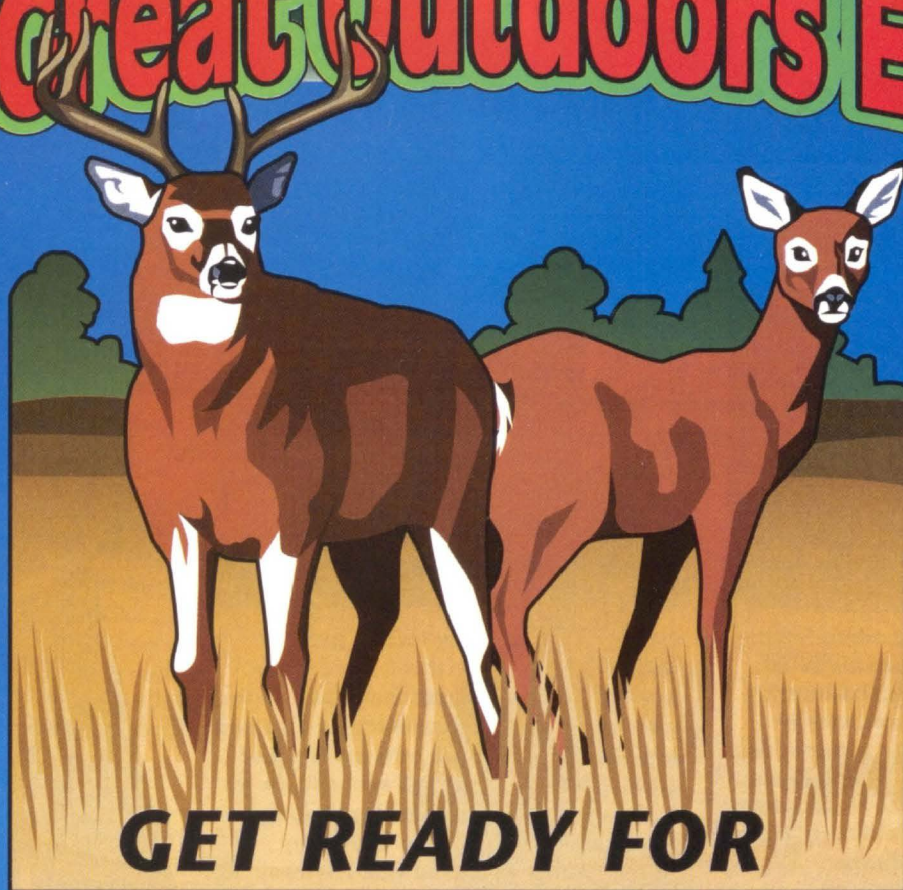
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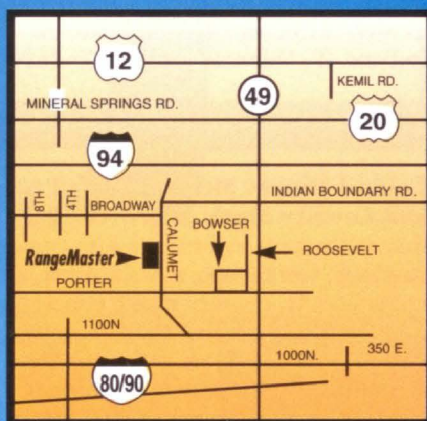
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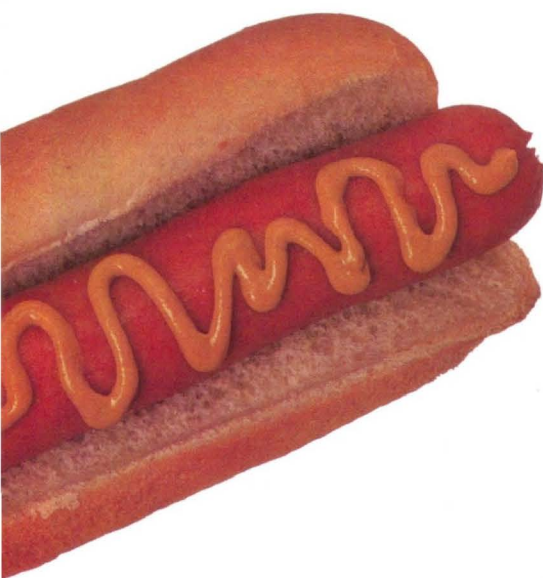
Witness the beauty of colorful hot air balloons during the Valparaiso Popcorn Festival

FEBRUARY

Northwest Indiana Steelheaders Spring Fever Outdoor Show - February 27-28: this event showcases fishing and hunting with presenters from sport and tackle shops, resorts from Alaska to Indiana, dog training, RV dealers, sports fishing and conservation clubs. They also feature seminars and a special area for children. Held at the Porter County Expo Center. 215 East Division Road, off Indiana 49, Valparaiso. 219/926-7938.

MARCH

Maple Sugar Time - March 6-7 & 13-14: features the process of maple sugar-making through the years - from Native American to early settlers. Historic homes open, costumed volunteers and music. Held at Chellberg Farm & Bailly Homestead. On Mineral Springs Road, between U.S. Highways 12 and 20, Porter. 219/926-7561, ext. 225. www.nps.gov/indu



APRIL

Valparaiso University Union Jazz Festival - April 7-10: this festival gives deep appreciation of jazz music as America's great indigenous musical art form. It brings together outstanding jazz artists, educators and high school/college musicians for four days of outstanding music. Held at Valparaiso University Union. Sturdy Road and U.S. Highway 30, Valparaiso. 219/464-5007.

Duneland Woodcarving Show - April 10-11: this is the largest Midwest wood carving show featuring many original wood carvings for sale, wood carving supplies and hourly drawings for wood-carved prizes. Held at the Porter County Expo Center. 215 East Division Road, off Indiana 49, Valparaiso. 219/845-2695.

MAY

Colonel Murray Memorial Kite Festival and Country Music Jamboree - May 29: this celebration will feature kite demonstrations, workshops, a flea market, arts & crafts booths, country music concert, pony rides and food booths. Held at Sunset Hill Farm County Park, on Meridian Road, south of U.S. Highway 6, between Chesterton and Valparaiso. 219/465-3641. www.porterco.co.porter.in.us

JUNE

Diana of the Dunes Festival - June 5-6: arts, crafts and food booths, scholarship pageant and local entertainment. The festival honors a local legendary figure, held in downtown Chesterton at Calumet Road and Broadway. 219/926-5513. <http://wpl.lib.in.us/chamber>



JULY

Coca-Cola/Indiana Dunes State Park Sand Sculpture Contest - July 10: join in the fun and create a sand sculpture. Individuals and groups can enter to win awards. Located at Indiana Dunes State Park on Indiana 49, north of Interstate 94, Chesterton. 219/926-1390.

Gaelic Fest - July 17: Celebrating everything Irish and Scottish. Music, food, dancing and art, craft and import booths. Held at Sunset Hill Farm County Park. Meridian Road at U.S. Highway 6, halfway between Chesterton and Valparaiso. 219/465-3641. www.porterco.co.porter.in.us

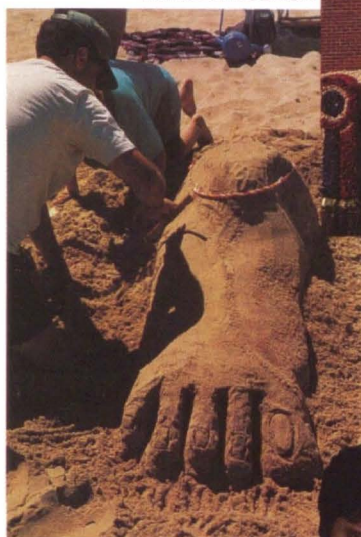
Porter County Fair - July 23-31: the fair offers a wide range of attractions from free entertainment to country stars, rodeos and demolition derbies, 4-H displays, open exhibits, food and carnival rides. Located at the Porter County Expo Center & Fairgrounds. 215 East Division Road, off Indiana 49, Valparaiso. 219/462-0321. www.portercofair.org

AUGUST

Chesterton Art Fair - August 7-8: the fair consists of 135 juried booths with artists displaying and selling works in watercolors, oils, pastels, photography, clay, fibre art, jewelry and other fine arts and crafts. Located at Hawthorne Park on Waverly Road, south of U.S. Highway 20, Porter. 219/926-4711.

Midwest Corvette & Chevy Show, Swap & Auction - August 21-22: restoration competition, auction and car part sale for older model cars. Used cars are offered for sale and there are equipment dealers and food vendors. Held at the Porter County Expo Center & Fairgrounds. 215 East Division Road, off Indiana 49, Valparaiso. 219/464-9918.

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SEPTEMBER

Front Porch Music Fest - September 4: celebrate folk and acoustic music with music workshops, open stage, songwriter stage, food court and arts and crafts booths. Held at Sunset Hill Farm County Park, on Meridian Road, south of U.S. Highway 6, between Chesterton and Valparaiso. 219/465-3641. www.porterco.co.porter.in.us

Taste of Porter - September 4: Food, games and entertainment will set off the down-home atmosphere of the Taste of Porter. Held at Hawthorne Park, south of U.S. Highway 20 on Waverly Road, Porter. 219/926-6290.

Valparaiso Popcorn Festival - September 11: arts & crafts, 5-mile run, 5K walk, hot air balloon show, food, parade and live entertainment in honor of the late Orville Redenbacher. Located in downtown Valparaiso. 219/464-8332. www.popcorn@netnitco.org

Kouts Pork Fest - September 18: four-mile run, parade, craft booths, great food, entertainment throughout the day. Tractor pull and kiddie tractor pull. Located in downtown Kouts on State Road 49. 219/766-2867.



Clockwise, from top left:
A contestant puts his best foot forward at the Indiana Dunes State Park Sand Sculpture Contest.

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OCTOBER

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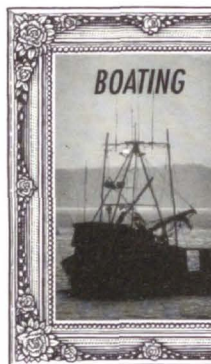


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The Pride in Portage Committee's City Celebration of Christmas - December 4: a special Christmas parade, children's choir, Santa, Christmas tree lighting and hot chocolate. Located in downtown Portage on Central Avenue. 219/762-5425.

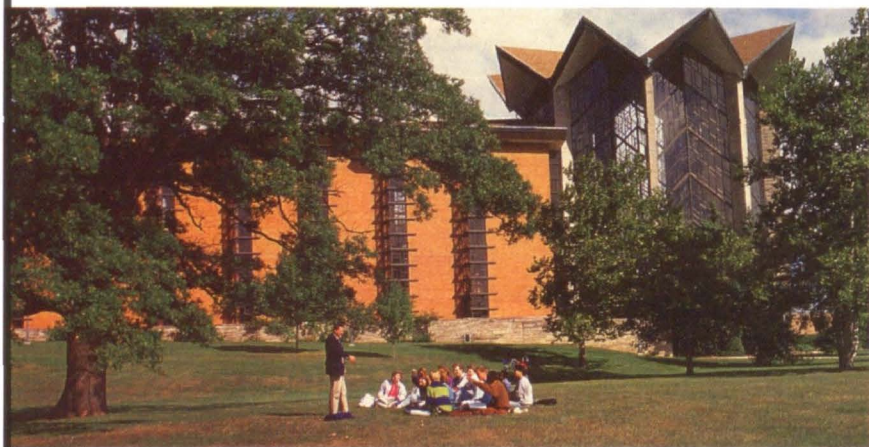
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CHESTERTON					
Aaron's Mortgage Inn 1400 Broadway 219/926-3113 Italian beef, cheeseburgers, daily specials (21 & older)	•	•	•		
Country Cafe 213 Broadway 219/929-4567 Homemade soups, Greek and Italian dishes	•	•	•		
Johnny B's 112 S. 11th St. 219/926-9027 Homemade soups, salad bar, ribs, perch and steaks	•	•	•		
Leonard's 117 S. Calumet Rd. 219/926-8524 Homemade soups and daily specials	•	•	•		
Northside Diner 100 N. Calumet Rd. 219/926-9040 1950s style, serves breakfast/lunch	•	•	•		
Port Drive-in (Seasonal) 419 N. Calumet Rd. 219/926-3500 Chili dogs, homemade rootbeer and car hops	•	•	•		
Smokey's Southern Barbeque 375 E. U.S. 20 219/878-1418 Pulled pork & ribs	•	•	•		
Wingfield's Restaurant & Irish Pub 526 Indian Boundary Rd. 219/926-2200 Midwestern cuisine	•	•	•	•	
Jade East 532 Indian Boundary Rd. 219/926-2542 Chinese cuisine	•	•	•	•	
Taste of Thailand 425 B. Sandcreek Dr. N. 219/921-0092 Classic Thai food	•	•	•	•	
Lucrezia 428 S. Calumet Rd. 219/926-5829 Fine Northern Italian cuisine	•	•	•	•	
Duneland Pizza 520 Broadway 219/926-1163	•	•	•		
Gelsosomo's Pizzeria 371 Indian Boundary Rd. 219/926-6363	•	•	•		
Pizza Hut 402 Indian Boundary Rd. 219/926-5000	•	•	•		
Val's Famous Pizza & Grinders 1050 Broadway 219/921-0159	•	•	•		
HEBRON					
Country Kitchen 120 N. Main 219/996-9221 Country cooking, homemade pies	•	•	•		
Dante's Family Restaurant 816 Country Square Plaza 219/996-5800 Italian food, pizza, broasted chicken catering and delivery	•	•	•		
Marti's Place at Ramsey's Landing 17519 N. 700 W. 219/996-3363 Prime rib & seafood	•	•	•		
KOUTS					
Baum's Bridge Inn 1092 S. Baum's Bridge Rd. 219/766-3045 Country inn setting; seafood and prime rib	•	•	•	•	

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Koffee Kup 105 S. Main St. 219/766-2414 Country cooking and homemade soups and pies	•	•	•		
Rushmore's Bar & Grill 310 S. Main St. 219/766-3172 Prime rib, ribs, lake perch & crab legs	•	•	•	•	
Sandlin's Restaurant & Sports Lounge 220 S. Main St. 219/766-2802 Pizza & Friday night seafood buffet (18 yrs. with adult)	•	•	•		
Main Street Pizza Plus 201 S. Main St. 219/766-2298	•	•	•		
PINES					
Pumps on 12 3085 W. Dunes Hwy. (U.S. 12) Michigan City 219/874-6201 Prime rib on weekends, extensive microbrews	•	•	•	•	
PORTAGE					
Angel's Garden Ramada Inn 6200 Melton Rd. (U.S. 20) 219/762-5546 Dinner specials daily and barbeque beef	•	•	•	•	
Moods Pub 2548 Portage Mall 219/762-7305 Daily specials	•	•	•	•	
Cappo's 2581 Portage Mall 219/762-5563 Pizza, chicken and ribs	•	•	•		
D.D. Crandall's Restaurant & Bar 6121 Melton Rd. (U.S. 20) 219/762-0509 40s & 50s atmosphere; Family dining	•	•	•	•	
Denny's 6171 Melton Rd. (U.S. 20) 219/764-0311 Good eats and comfortable seats. Open 24 hours	•	•	•		
Drifters Restaurant & Lounge 6120 Melton Rd. (U.S. 20) 219/762-7720 Breakfast, steaks & ribs	•	•	•	•	
HOToRNOT 2782 Willowdale Rd. 219/762-1984 Cajun, creole and American cuisine Open Thursday through Saturday	•	•	•		
Jim Dandy's Malt Shop 5942 U.S. 6 219/763-1964 50s style diner serving hamburgers, malts and french fries	•	•	•		
Kelsey's Steak House 5630 U.S. 6 219/762-2242 Prime rib and steaks	•	•	•		
La Chiquita Family Restaurant 2577 Portage Mall 219/763-6413 Enchiladas	•	•	•		
McDuffy's 6075 Melton Rd. (U.S. 20) 219/762-8000 Home style cooking, family dining Open 24 hours	•	•	•		
Mickey's Lounge & Restaurant 2385 Willowcreek Rd. 219/763-3779 Perch dinner and homemade pierogis	•	•	•		
Mitchell's Bar & Eatery 3343 Willowcreek Rd. 219/762-7059 Breakfast, steaks and ribs	•	•	•		
Pantheon 5900 U.S. 6 219/763-2829 Greek dishes and seafood	•	•	•		

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Red Carpet Lounge 6481 Melton Rd. (U.S. 20) 219/762-7485 Tacos and steak sandwiches (21 & older)	•	•	•		
Rosewood Family Restaurant 2606 Portage Mall 219/763-3297 Greek and American dishes	•	•	•		
Schoop's Hamburgers 3285 Willowcreek Rd. 219/763-1410 Hamburgers and full service breakfast	•	•	•		
Sophie's Kitchen 5003 U.S. 6 219/764-3631 Home cooking, everything fresh	•	•	•		
Stones Bones 6500 U.S. 6 219/762-8918 Ribs	•	•	•		
Tia Juana's/Sundown Saloon 2528 Portage Mall 219/762-2799 Sandwiches & ribs	•	•	•	•	
Three Falls Restaurant 636 N. 700 W. Hobart 219/759-2674 Steaks, seafood & pasta	•	•	•	•	
Great Wall Restaurant 5920 U.S. 6 219/763-7776 Chinese cuisine	•	•	•		
Hunan Garden 2523 Portage Mall 219/762-8198 Chinese cuisine, catering	•	•	•		
Jade Garden 6222 Central Ave. 219/762-2388 Chinese cuisine	•	•	•		
Savoy Supper Club 2542 Portage Mall 219/762-4114 Italian food, steaks & seafood	•	•	•	•	
Gelsosomo's Pizzeria 5023 U.S. 6 219/763-1545	•	•	•		
Pizza Hut 6291 N. Central Ave. 219/762-9554	•	•	•		
Sam & Louie's 5880 U.S. 6 219/763-3257	•	•	•		
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Buck Horn Family Restaurant/Truck Stop 1600 W. U.S. 20 219/926-8566 Weekend breakfast buffet; kids eat free (10 and under)	•	•	•		
Finn McCool's Pub & Grill 333 N. Mineral Springs Rd. 219/926-1654 Irish nachos & prime rib (18 yrs. with adult)	•	•	•	•	
The Spa 333 N. Mineral Springs Rd. 219/926-1654 Fresh seafood, prime rib and Sunday brunch	•	•	•		
Village Tavern 128 Lincoln 219/926-5002 Hamburgers & daily lunch specials (18 yrs. with adult)	•	•	•		
Wagner's Ribs 361 Wagner Rd. 219/926-7614 Pork ribs (21 & older)	•	•	•		
Leroy's Hot Stuff 333 W. U.S. 20 219/926-6211 Mexican cuisine	•	•	•		
Santiago's Mexican Restaurant 124 Lincoln St. 219/926-6518 Authentic Mexican food	•	•	•		
SOUTH HAVEN					
Rosewood Family Restaurant 367 W. U.S. 6 219/763-2282 Family style Greek and American dishes	•	•	•		

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Pepe's Mexican Restaurant 391 W. U.S. 6 219/762-7666 Mexican cuisine	•	•	•		
Pizza Hut 385 W. U.S. 6 219/763-1528	•	•	•		
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Al's Diner 1084 Linwood Ave. 219/462-0055 1950s style diner; hamburgers, malts & french fries	•	•	•		
Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar 670 Northland Dr. (U.S. 30) 219/477-3868 Reasonably priced casual dining	•	•	•		
Big Wheel Restaurant 902 Lincolnway 219/462-4169 Family style restaurant	•	•	•		
Billy Jack's Cafe & Grill 2904 Calumet Ave. 219/477-3797 California, S. Western, Italian & Mediterranean cuisine	•	•	•		
Bin Willy's 3530 N. Calumet Ave. 219/477-6778 Night Club with casual dining (21 & older)	•	•	•		
Bob Evans Restaurant 2201 Northland Dr. (U.S. 30) 219/464-9201 Country cooking	•	•	•		
Broadway Cafe & Ice Cream Parlor 1805 Northland Dr. (U.S. 30) 219/464-0112 American, Greek, Italian & Mexican cuisine	•	•	•		
Dawn's Diner 1717 Calumet Ave. 219/531-0606 Homestyle cooking	•	•	•		
Denny's 2300 Northland Dr. (U.S. 30) 219/548-9332 Breakfast 24-hours a day	•	•	•		
Good Fellas 1004 Calumet Ave. 219/464-0801 Steak & seafood	•	•	•		
Jimmy's Cafe 55 S. Michigan Ave. 219/462-9167 Breakfast and lemon rice soup	•	•	•		
Lieutenant's Restaurant 2500 E. Northland Dr. (U.S. 30) (Inside Hollywood Connection) 219/462-4407	•	•	•		
Kelsey's Steak House 1905 Northland Dr. (U.S. 30) 219/465-4022 Prime rib and steaks	•	•	•		
Northside Tap Room & Grill 712 Calumet Ave. 219/465-0885 Neighborhood Bar & Grill	•	•	•		
Old Style Inn 5 Lincolnway 219/462-5600 Steak, seafood and ribs (18 yrs. with adult)	•	•	•		
PassTimes 175 W. Lincolnway 219/462-3786 Steaks, sandwiches, extensive beer list (21 or older)	•	•	•		
Round the Clock Restaurant 217 E. Lincolnway 219/462-6339 American, Greek, Italian cuisine & homemade pastries	•	•	•		
Schoop's Hamburgers 2816 Calumet Ave. 219/464-2996 Hamburgers and full service breakfast	•	•	•		
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Suzie's Cafe & Catering 657 S. Washington 219/462-5500 Homemade bread, cinnamon rolls, soup & specials	•		•	•	
Valpo Velvet Shoppe 55 W. Monroe 219/464-4141 Valpo Velvet ice cream; soda fountain homemade soups and sandwiches	•		•		
Viking Chili Bowl 105 Northland Dr. (U.S. 30) 219/462-0800 Breakfast and lunch	•				
Wagner's Ribs Too 597 W. U.S. 30 219/759-6334 Pork ribs	•	•	•		
Zikkos 1608 Lincolnway 219/464-1104 Greek and American food	•	•			
Albano's 1414 E. Lincolnway 219/465-7074 Italian cuisine	•	•		•	
China House 120 E. Lincolnway 219/462-5788 Chinese cuisine	•	•			
don Quijote 119 E. Lincolnway 219/462-7976 Fine dining Spanish restaurant	•	•	•	•	
Jade Garden 3022 N. Calumet Ave. 219/464-9860 Chinese cuisine	•	•	•		
Pepe's Mexican Restaurant 1058 S. R. 2 219/465-0205 Mexican cuisine	•	•	•		•
Pesto's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria 3304 Calumet Ave. 219/462-0993 Pasta, pizza and sandwiches	•	•	•		
Tony's Place 218 E. Lincolnway 219/464-1018 Italian cuisine & pizza	•	•			
Clayton's 66 Lincolnway 219/531-0612 Upscale Continental/Asian influence cuisine	•	•	•		
Court Restaurant 69 Franklin St. 219/462-2141 Prime rib, BBQ ribs, seafood and steak	•	•	•		•
Sole' 3300 N. Calumet Ave. 219/462-0992 Strongbow Inn 2405 U.S. 30 E. 219/462-5121 or 800/462-5121 Roasted turkey, fresh bakery, rustic decor and full Continental menu	•	•	•		•
Aurelio's Is Pizza 200 Billings St. 219/462-9700	•	•			
Fuzzy Duck Inn 4 W. U.S. 6 219/462-9381 D.J. and bands (21 or older)	•	•	•		•
Pizza Hut 2408 N. Calumet Ave. 219/462-2177	•	•			
WHEELER					
Marty's Wheeler Inn 201 Railroad Ave. 219/759-5666 Homemade food, BBQ ribs & fish on Friday	•	•			

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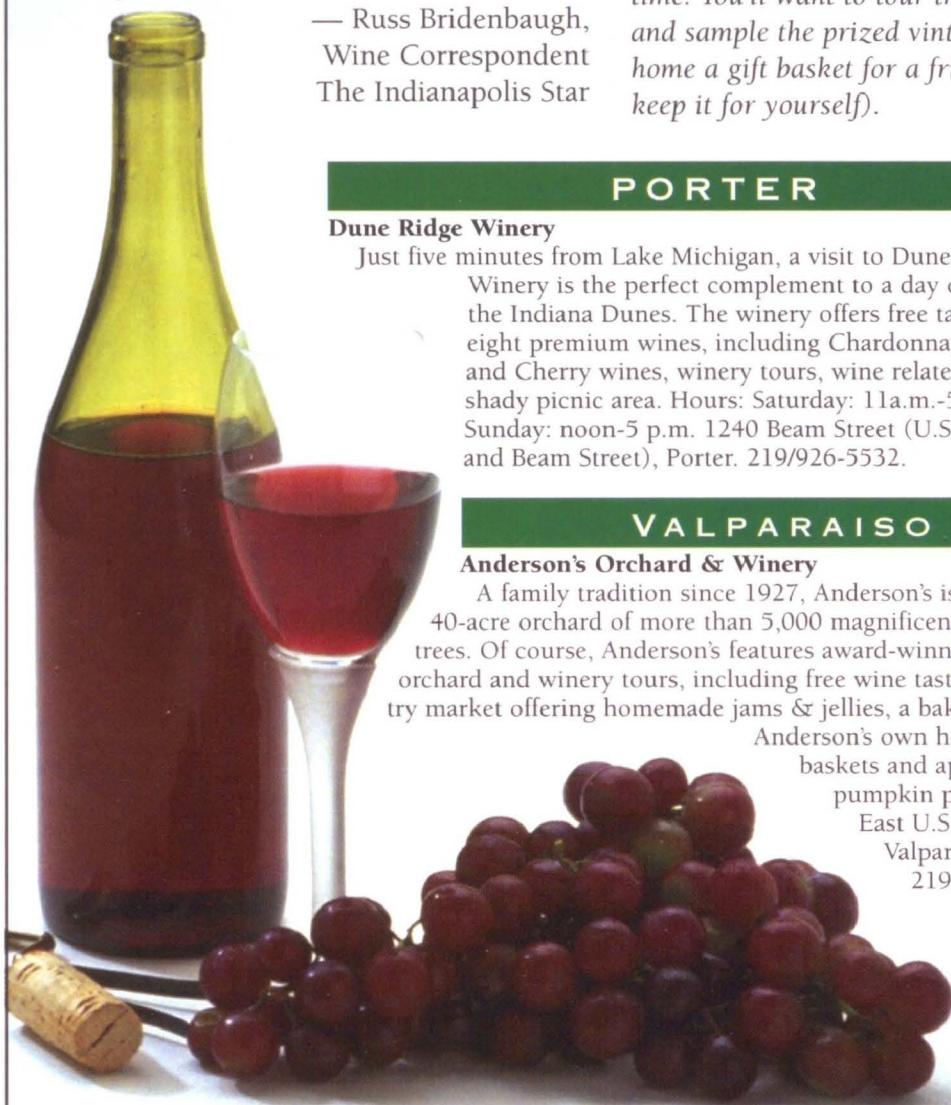
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South Shore Train Station: built in 1929, the pink stucco building is listed on the National Register of Historic places. The station houses an art gallery and a gift shop. Hours: Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday in December. U.S. Highway 12 and Broadway. 219/871-0832.

CHESTERTON

Brown Mansion: a two-and-a-half-story Queen Anne-style house designed by Chicago architect Cicero Hine and built by area craftsmen using locally supplied materials in 1885 for Englishman George Brown. Today, the building serves as the Duneland School Corporation Administration Building. Hours: tours by appointment. Open weekdays, all year. 700 West Porter Avenue. 219/926-1104.

Westchester Township Historical Museum: Native American, pioneer, Victorian and 20th century artifacts and vintage photographs help tell the intriguing story of the development of this historic duneland community from the Ice Age to the present. The museum shop features items relating to the area's history. Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, noon-4 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Group tours by appointment. Located inside the Westchester Public Library Services Center, 100 West Indiana Avenue (use the courtyard entrance). 219/921-0963.

Yellow Brick Road Gift Shop and

Fantasy Museum: be transported to a place where one of America's best loved movie classics has been preserved for all generations to enjoy. The museum features movie memorabilia, much of which has been donated by cast members or their heirs. Hours: Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Indiana 49 and Yellow Brick Road. 219/926-7048.

HEBRON

Stagecoach Inn Museum: an authentic stagecoach stop and inn built in 1849, the Stagecoach Inn now stands as a museum. Hours: tours by appointment. Open houses held July 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and November 26, noon-2 p.m. Location: 127 North Main. 219/996-2638.

Panhandle Depot: built in 1867, the original building stands today as a railroad museum. Hours: tours by appointment. Open houses held July 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and November 26, noon-2 p.m. Located behind the Stagecoach Museum at 127 North Main Street. 219/996-2638.

KOUTS

Dunn's Bridge: built from parts of a building from the 1893 World's Fair, the bridge is owned by the Porter County Parks Department. Future restoration is planned. Along the Kankakee River on County Road 500 East, approximately seven miles south of Indiana 8. 219/465-3586.

PORTAGE

Countryside Museum: dedicated to the preservation of Portage Township's history, this turn-of-the-century Portage farmhouse is owned by the Portage Parks Department and operated by the Portage Community Historical Society. Open Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., March through November. Tours are available by appointment. In Countryside Park, 5250 East U.S. Highway 6. Museum: 219/762-8349. Portage Parks Department: 219/762-1675.



PORTER

Bailly Homestead/ Chellberg Farm: visit the home of one of Porter County's first white settlers, French-Canadian voyageur and fur trader Joseph Bailly. Nearby is an early 20th century 80-acre working farm established in 1874 by Swedish immigrants Anders and Johanna Kjellberg, who emigrated from Sweden in 1863. Both properties are owned and maintained by the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. On Mineral Springs Road, between U.S. Highways 12 and 20. 219/926-7561, ext. 225.

Porter Walking Tour: the National Park Service owes a debt of gratitude to the town that contributed 1,200 acres of land to help form the Indiana Dunes National

Lakeshore. Take a walking tour of the town and gain a sense of what life was like in small town Northwest Indiana during the 1800s. Tour maps are available at the Porter County Visitor Center, 800 Indian Boundary Road, Chesterton, 219/926-2255, 800/283-8687; and the Duneland Chamber of Commerce, 303 Broadway, Chesterton, 219/926-5513.

VALPARAISO

Memorial Opera House: built in 1893 as a memorial to Civil War veterans, the Opera House is now on the National Register of Historic Places. Owned by the county, this beautiful structure has provided a home for community theater for 40 years. 104 Indiana Avenue. 219/548-9137.

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The Brauer Museum of Art is home to more than 1,600 original works by American and European artists.



Public Library, during June-August when no festivals conflict. 200 West Indiana Avenue. 219/926-7696.

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CHESTERTON

Chesterton Art Gallery: showcases the works of more than 100 regional artists. Hours: weekdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; weekends, 1-4 p.m. 115 S. 4th Street. 219/926-4711.

Coffee Creek Playhouse: home of the acting troupe the Way Off Broadway Players and community theater. 113 Main Street (Main Street building). 219/395-9627. <http://wpl.lib.in.us/np/wobp.html>.

18 Artists Studio and Gallery: a cooperative gallery of local artists' works, including jewelry, dye silk fabrics, paintings, photography, sculpture and stained

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OGDEN DUNES

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PORTER

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VALPARAISO

Art Barn: art school and gallery housing the works of local artists, including oils, pastels, water colors, acrylics, jewelry and ceramics. Weekly classes and Spring/Summer workshops taught by artists from around the country. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 695 north 400 East, three miles east of Indiana 49, 1/4 mile south of U.S. Highway 6. 219/462-9009.

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Brauer Museum of Art: the art collection includes more than 1,600 works by American and European artists, including prints, paintings, photography, sculpture and religious art. Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; docent-led tours weekends, beginning at 2 p.m. or by appointment. Valparaiso University Center for the Arts, U.S. Highway 30 and Sturdy Road. 219/464-5365. www.valpo.edu/artmuseum/

Chapel of the Resurrection: the largest collegiate chapel in the world, the Chapel of the Resurrection towers 140 feet into the sky. Hours: Open daily 8 a.m.-10 a.m. Tours by appointment. Valparaiso University, U.S. Highway 30 and Sturdy Road. 219/464-5112.

Community Theatre Guild: a fixture on the local theater scene for more than 40 years. Many guild productions have garnered awards from the Indiana State Theatre Festival. 154 West Chicago Street. 219/464-1636.

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Memorial Opera House: built in 1893 as a memorial to Civil War veterans, the opera house is now on the National Register of Historical Places. The Opera House is home to community theater and other performing arts. 104 Indiana Avenue. 219/548-9137.

Valparaiso Community Concert

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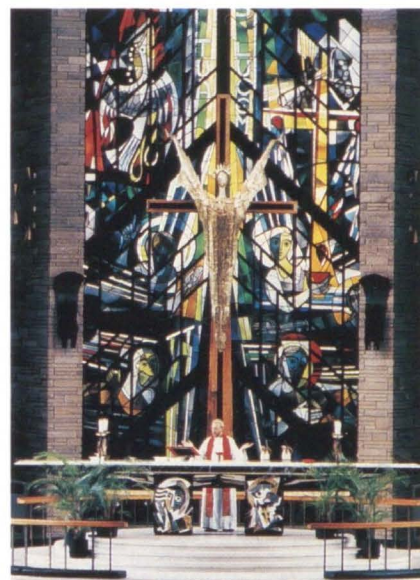
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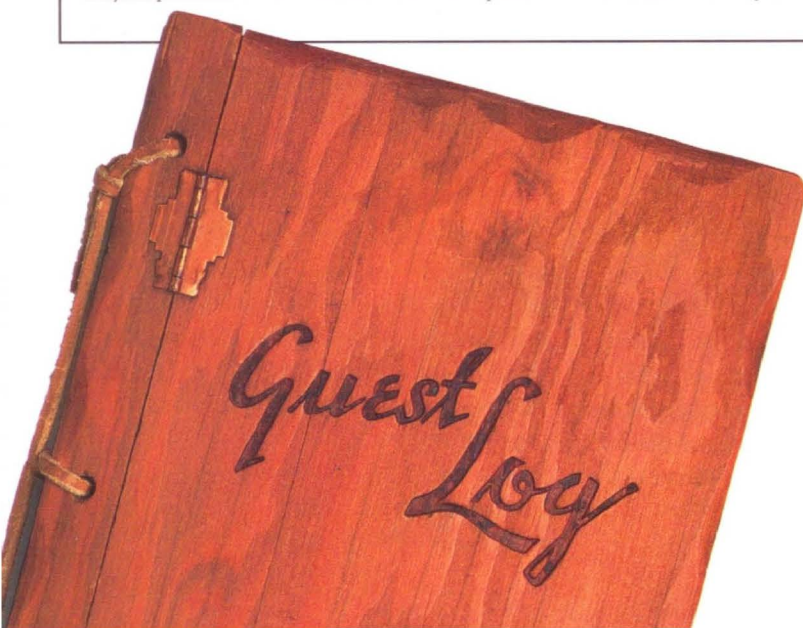
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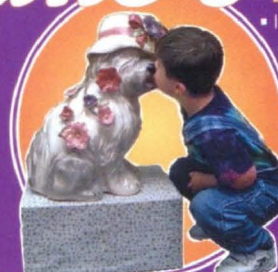
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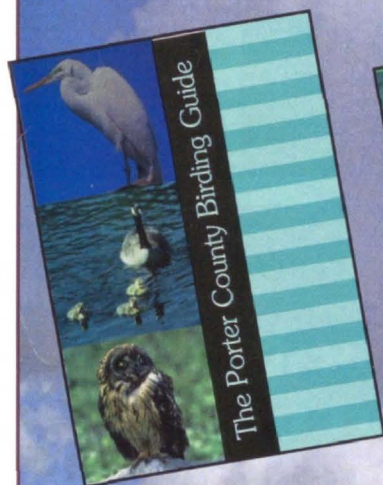
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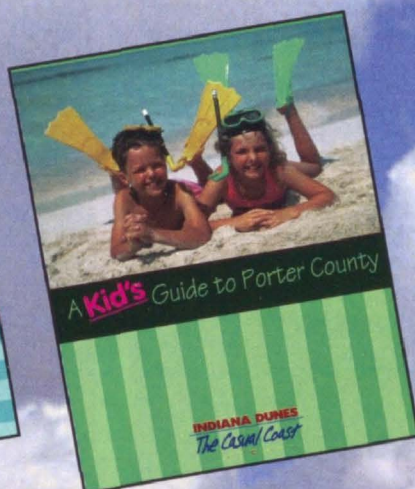
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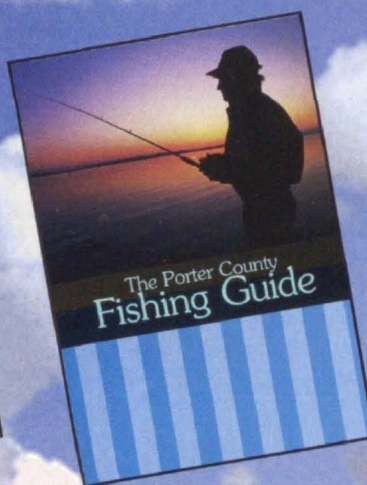
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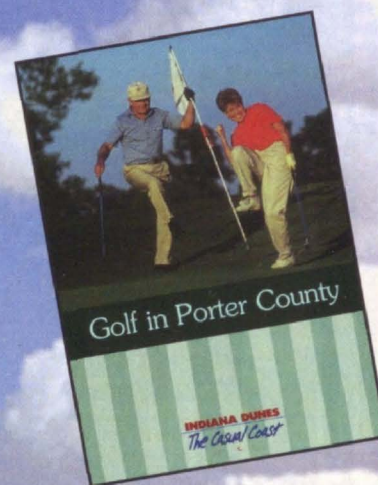
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